

Amendments to and Listing of the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-21 Canceled

22. (Currently amended) A method of controlling the display on a client terminal ~~(30)~~ of the status of a data processing apparatus ~~(10)~~ connected to the client terminal ~~(30)~~ via a network ~~(20)~~ comprising:

providing a status request to the data processing apparatus ~~(10)~~;

transmitting display control information to the client terminal ~~(30)~~ for controlling the display of statuses of the data processing apparatus ~~(10)~~ by the client terminal ~~(30)~~;

transmitting status update information to the client terminal ~~(30)~~; and

displaying the updated status in accordance with the display control information;

the method further comprising storing the display control information at the client terminal ~~(30)~~, and, in response to a subsequent status request, transmitting status update information and displaying the updated status in accordance with the stored display control information,

wherein the stored display control information corresponds to an ordinary status icon, a slight fault status icon and a grave fault status icon.

23. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 22 wherein the display control information for controlling the display of a status of the data processing apparatus ~~(10)~~ is assigned identification data corresponding to that status.

24. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 23 in which a status is displayed by selecting display control information associated with the identification data relating to that status, and controlling the display of the~~[[-]]~~ status using the selected display control information.

25. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 24 in which a status is displayed with its identification data.

26. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 22 ~~1~~, wherein the display control information comprises image information corresponding to the statuses.

27. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 22 ~~1~~, wherein the data processing apparatus (~~10~~) stores information relating to its status.

28. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 27, wherein ~~in which~~ status update information is determined when the status of the data processing apparatus (~~10~~) changes.

29. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 22 ~~1~~, wherein the client terminal (~~30~~) stores information relating to the status of the data processing apparatus (~~10~~).

30. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 29, in which the client terminal (~~30~~) compares stored status information with status update information received from the data processing apparatus (~~10~~) in response to the subsequent data request in order to determine the updated status.

31. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 22 ~~1~~, wherein the data processing apparatus (~~10~~) stores update interval information for controlling an interval for the transmission of status update information.

32. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 31, in which status requests are provided to the data processing apparatus (~~10~~) at an interval based on the update interval information[[-]].

33. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 22 ~~1~~, wherein the data processing apparatus (~~10~~) is an image forming apparatus.

34. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 33, in which the status of the data processing apparatus (~~10~~) indicates that it is able to perform a print function, or that there is an error.

35. (Currently amended) A method according to claim 34 in which the ~~error~~ status information indicates an error type.

36. (Currently amended) A system comprising a data processing apparatus (10) and a client terminal arranged (30) to communicate with the data processing apparatus (10) over a network (20), wherein:

the data processing apparatus (10) is arranged to transmit status update information to the client terminal (30) in response to receiving a first status request, and to provide display control information to the client terminal (30) for controlling the display of statuses of the data processing apparatus (10) by the client terminal (30);

the client terminal (30) is arranged to display the updated status in accordance with the received display control information, and to store the display control information;

the data processing apparatus (10) is arranged to transmit status update information to the client terminal (30) in response to receiving a second status request; and the client terminal (30) is arranged to display the updated status in accordance with the stored display control information,

wherein the stored display control information corresponds to an ordinary status icon, a slight fault status icon and a grave fault status icon.

37. (Currently amended) A data processing apparatus (10) having means (14) for communicating with a client terminal (30), comprising:

means (11) for storing status information; and

means (13) for storing display control information for controlling the client terminal (30) to display the status of the data processing apparatus (10);

wherein the communication means (14) is arranged to transmit first status update information and display control information to the client terminal (30) in response to a first status

request, and to transmit second status update information to the client terminal (30) ~~in~~ in response to a second status request, the second status update information being for display by the client terminal (30) in accordance with the display control information transmitted in response to the first request,

wherein the stored display control information corresponds to an ordinary status icon, a slight fault status icon and a grave fault status icon.

38. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 37, further comprising means for generating status update information (12) ~~when~~ when the status of the apparatus changes.

39. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the display control information is assigned identification data corresponding to that status.

40. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein the status update information comprises information for enabling the client terminal (30) to select identification data assigned to the display control information.

41. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the display control information comprises image information corresponding to the statuses.

42. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the apparatus is an image forming apparatus.

43. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 42, in which the status information indicates that the apparatus is able to perform a print function, or that there is an error.

44. (Currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 43 in which the ~~error~~ status information indicates an error type.